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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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TITLE OF INVENTION: TOOL FOR CLOSING AND SEPARATING PLUGGABLE QUICK ACTING  
CLOSURE COUPLINGS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Guenter HOLP

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☒ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

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**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13<sup>ter</sup>.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
- A. Formal Drawings (2 sheets)  
Cover Sheet of WO 2005/090007 A1  
International Preliminary Examination Report with amended claims in foreign text  
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| The following fees have been submitted:   | Calculations    | PTO USE ONLY |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) .....\$300.00  | \$300.00        |              |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))<br>If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0.00<br>All other situations .....\$200.00   | \$200.00        |              |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))<br>If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0.00<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....\$100.00<br>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....\$400.00<br>All other situations .....\$500.00 | \$400.00        |              |
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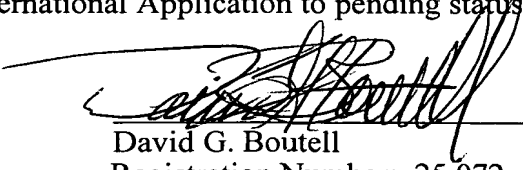
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| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE       |                        |                 |
| Total claims   | 20 - 20 =    | 0   | x \$ 50.00 | \$0.00                 |                 |
| Ind. claims  | 2 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200.00 | \$0.00                 |                 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00   |              |   |            | \$0.00                 |                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2. <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              |   |            | <b>\$900.00</b>        |                 |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property  |              |   |            | +                      | \$0.00          |
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- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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I hereby certify that the attached paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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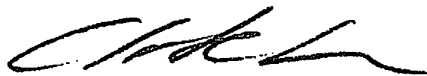
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That the translator responsible for the attached translation is knowledgeable in the German language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that, to the best of RWS Group Ltd knowledge and belief, the English translation of the international application No. PCT/DE2005/000507 is a true and complete translation of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application issued thereon.

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